

Atty. Dkt. No. 039153-0447 (G1152)

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Lukanc et al.

Title:

METHOD OF EXTENDING THE

AREAS OF CLEAR FIELD PHASE

SHIFT GENERATION

Appl. No.:

10/016,439

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

U.S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity statement previously submitted.
- [] Small Entity statement is enclosed.
- [X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For		Extra Claim Preser	\$	Rate		Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	22	_	22	=	0	×	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independents:	4	_	4	=	0	×	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: + \$280.0						\$280.00	=	\$0.00	
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:						=	\$0.00		

[] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

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[]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$400.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$920.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,440.00	\$0.00
[]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$1,960.00	\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$0.00
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION	N FEE TOTAL:	\$0.00
[]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract		\$0.00
		TOTAL FEE:	\$0.00

- [] Please charge Deposit Account No. 06-1447 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- [] A check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

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Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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TC 1700 Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

PENDING CLAIMS

- (Once Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein enhancing critical 15. 1
- areas with assigned phase polarities includes defining edges to the critical areas. 2
 - (Once Amended) A method of enhancing clear field phase shift masks 16.
- with a border around outside edges, the method comprising: 2
 - assigning phase polarities to phase regions;
- defining edges of the assigned phase regions; 4
- establishing a boundary around the defined edges; and 5
- assigning area outside of the established boundary to have phase zero. 6

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests the entering of the foregoing claim amendments prior to examination of the present application.